

HERE IS DETAILED STATEMENT OF STATE'S INCOME AND DEBTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The department of commerce makes the following announcement of the principal financial statistics for the state of California, the counties, and for all cities, towns and other subdivisions of that state having power to incur debt, collect revenue, and assess and levy taxes.

REVENUES
The specified revenues include (1) general property taxes, (2) special taxes, (3) poll taxes, (4) licenses and permits, and (5) special assessments. The revenues collected from these sources for the state and for all subdivisions of the state amounted to \$218,065,225, or an average of \$59.86 for each person in the state. This total was made up of \$157,128,454 general property taxes, \$14,114,242 special property taxes, \$11,128 poll taxes, \$35,739,433 licenses and permits, and \$11,071,985 special assessments for improvements. In 1912 statistics on revenues were not collected for incorporated places with a population of less than 2500 and certain other subdivisions, but the table which follows shows the revenue in a comparable form for the state, counties and incorporated places having over 2500 population. There was an increase of 77 per cent for the civil divisions for which comparative data were available.

REVENUES OF STATE, COUNTIES, AND INCORPORATED PLACES OVER 2500
(Totals expressed in thousands)

State and Subdivisions		1922		1912		Pct. of increase, 1912 to 1922	
		1922	1912	1922	1912		
Specified revenues	\$176,646	\$39,436	77	\$42,779	\$63,769	\$68,108	
Gen. property taxes	115,452	69,433	66	5	62,670	52,777	
Special taxes	14,114	3,273	331	14,114			
Poll taxes	11	1,062	199				11
Licenses and permits	35,398	14,331	147	29,580	1,089	4,729	
Special assessments	10,671	11,337	16	80		10,591	

DEBT
In 1922 the entire debt for California and its political subdivisions, less the sinking fund assets set aside to meet such debt, was \$519,213,591, and in 1912, \$146,751,565, or an average per capita of \$142.52 in 1922 and \$55.01 in 1912. The increase in the ten years was 254 per cent.

DEBT OF STATE, COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, AND ALL OTHER SUBDIVISIONS
(Totals expressed in thousands)

State and Subdivisions		1922		1912		Pct. of Increase, 1912 to 1922	
		1922	1912	1922	1912		
State and subdivisions of state	\$519,214	\$146,752	254				
State	35,267	10,223	734				
Counties	53,726	12,444	332				
All other subdivisions	380,221	124,085	206				

(Includes cities, towns, and school, cemetery, drainage, fire, irrigation, junior college levee, library, light, mosquito abatement, promotion, reclamation, road, sanitary sewer, water, and all other tax districts.)

ASSESSED VALUATION AND TAX LEVIES
The assessed valuation of all property subject to general taxes was \$4,201,148,101 in 1922, as compared with \$2,921,277,451 in 1912, an increase of 44 per cent. The per capita assessed valuation increased from \$1,095.13 in 1912 to \$1,153.20 in 1922. The per capita tax levy increased from \$23.50 in 1912 to \$48.97 in 1922.

ASSESSED VALUATION AND TAX LEVIES OF STATE, COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, AND ALL OTHER SUBDIVISIONS

State and Subdivisions		1922		1912		1880		1860	
Assessed valuation of all property (expressed in thousands)	\$4,201,148	\$2,921,277	\$1,290,239	\$584,578	\$139,654				
Per capita assessed valuation of all property	1,153.20	1,095.13	841.54	676.05	367.52				
Assessed valuation of real property and improvements (expressed in thousands)	3,438,463	2,163,020	974,492	466,373	66,907				
Total levies of general property taxes (expressed in thousands)	176,353	62,689	27,312	12,628	2,981				
Per capita levies of general property taxes	48.97	23.50	17.81	14.60	7.85				
Average rate per \$100 of assessed valuation	4.25	2.15	2.12	2.16	2.13				

P.-T. A. MEETING

A most interesting and instructive session of the P.-T. A. was held at the Torrance high school Wednesday, Dec. 14. Mrs. Eishman led the school in the singing of a Christmas carol. In the usual routine of business Mrs. Fred Hanson, chairman of the child welfare committee, gave a report of the Mothers' Educational Center. Mrs. Gave gave a report of the membership drive. About thirty new members were added. It was voted to give the room having the most mothers, fathers or grandmothers present some home-made cake for a party at the next meeting. The picture was won by Mrs. Russell's room, which brought in 60 new members altogether. Everyone is asked to save their old newspapers and magazines, as the second week in January will start a newspaper drive for all the old newspapers.

Miss Lillian Elman played two selections on the piano, which were greatly enjoyed, and little Miss Bernice Elman won the heart of everyone with her two violin solos.

Rev. Thomas Grice of the First M. E. church of San Pedro brought to the P.-T. A. members a message which will long live in the hearts of the mothers that heard him. After the usual introductory part, in which Mr. Grice touched upon the change civilization has made upon the status of womanhood—the old Egyptians counting only the sons of the family, and the daughters did not count—today, when woman is considered the equal of man. Mr. Grice pointed out that this is the season of the year that honors the Mother and Babe. When asked "What do you think the children are worth?" First, they are worthy of good mothers. Men and women are today what their mothers made them. Nero, who played the fiddle while Rome was burning, had a mother who was a murderess. John Wesley had a mother who was a good Christian mother. Where there are a hundred immoral mothers, there are thousands of immoral mothers. Mothers who cannot bear to correct their boy will see him being corrected in the reform school.

Second, the child is worthy of a good father. The little boy says "Go on, daddy, but be careful where you go, for I am following you." The man who builds a character builds something greater than a steamship. Edgar Guest said the Christmas present he would love to give his son was honor, courage, love for good books, good-nature, value of money, a broad

mind, reverence and respect, and good health.
Third, the child is worthy of a good home. A mother cannot build a home alone; it takes co-operation with the other members. Sixty-two per cent of the children in the reform school went from homes broken up by divorce. The home life wields the greatest influence in the life of the child, and it should remain pure unspotted and Godly.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Clark attended the wedding Thursday of their niece, Mary Eliza Clark, of El Monte, and Allan Sage Wilbur of New York city. The ceremony, which took place in the First M. E. church, was performed by Rev. E. E. Clark, assisted by the groom's father, Rev. Wilbur, of Ohio. The bride was given away by her father, Rev. Charles Clark.

MRS. MCKINLEY ENTERTAINS

Mrs. May McKinley of McKinley Inn entertained the Lafalat club at a delightfully appointed luncheon last Saturday afternoon. At cards later Mrs. Roy McFarland won first prize, Mrs. O. J. Batsch won second, and Mrs. Rubadow third.

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS Fictitious Firm Name

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George H. Bradford, whose address is 1803 Cabrillo Street, Torrance, California.
Witness my hand this 30th day of November, 1923.
GEORGE H. BRADFORD.

State of California, County of Los Angeles—ss.

On this 30th day of November, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three, before me, James L. King, a Notary Public in and for said County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared George H. Bradford, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

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Put that in your pipe and smoke it. But before the smoke go to Smith's Cafe at Cabrillo and Carson streets, and enjoy to the fullest the things I moralize in the preface of this discourse on a gentleman and a restaurant man of distinction—Mr. Russel D. Smith.

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